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SUBJ: CARIBBEAN TOURISM CONFERENCE

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1. AT PRESS CONFERENCE HELD HERE YESTERDAY, JEAN HOLDER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CARIBBEAN TOURISM RESEARCH CENTER, ANNOUNCED THAT GOVERNMENT OF CUBA HAS ACCEPTED INVITATION BY CENTER TO ATTEND REGIONAL TOURISM CONFERENCE SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN CARACAS JANUARY 9-11. CUBAN DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF TOURISM VIVIAN COLL.

2. HOLDER ALSO STATED THAT TOTAL OF 18 CARIBBEAN GOVERNMENTS
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HAVE SIGNIFIED INTENTION BE REPRESENTED AT CONFERENCE AND

ALL OF THESE WOULD BE HEADED BY MINISTERS OF GOVERNMENT
"OR PEOPLE OF EQUIVALENT RANK."

3. COMMENT: ACCORDING TO HOLDER, THIS WILL BE FIRST TIME SINCE
CASTRO CAME TO POWER IN CUBA THAT THAT COUNTRY HAS
PARTICIPATED FORMALLY IN A CARIBBEAN TOURISM CONFERENCE. IN
THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, DECISION TO PARTICIPATE AT CARACAS
OBVIOUSLY SIGNIFICANT AND SUGGESTS CUBA SEES CONFERENCE AS
OPPORTUNITY ADVANCE ITS INTERESTS IN THE CARIBBEAN AREA.
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